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1. GREEK AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR HELMS OCTOBER 28 THAT IN REPLY TO HIS APPROACH AT FOREIGN MINISTRY RE RELEASE OF F-5A'S, HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT IRANIAN AIR FORCE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH USAF OFFICERS IN TEHRAN. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER CONTACT BY IRANIANS WITH US PERSONNEL ON THIS MATTER SINCE REFS(A) AND (B) WERE DISPATCHED. AS STATED IN THESE MESSAGES, SHAH HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT IRAN SHOULD NOT NOW RELEASE F-5A'S FOR DELIVERY TO GREECE. INDICATED RATIONALE IS THAT THESE

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AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED TO TRAIN EGYPTIAN PILOTS IF USG

GIVES ITS APPROVAL. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE MAY BE A FURTHER REASON FOR NOT RELEASING AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME. SHAH LEFT OCTOBER 28 FOR STATE VISIT TO TURKEY, AND HE WOULD NOT WISH NEWSPAPERS TO MAKE VISIT WITH STORY THAT IRAN HAD MADE AVAILABLE F-5A'S FOR TRANSFER TO GREECE.

2. AS FIRM DECISION TO RETAIN F-5A'S FOR TIME BEING HAS APPARENTLY BEEN MADE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PROFITABLE FOR USG TO WEIGH-IN FURTHER ON THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME. WHEN USG HAS DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO APPROVE IRANIAN TRAINING OF EGYPTIAN PILOTS ON F-5A'S AND SHAH'S VISIT TO TURKEY IS BEHIND US, WE MIGHT AGAIN EXAMINE THIS MATTER.

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